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SUBJ: REACTION TO SECRETARY'S HOUSTON SPEECH

1. REACTION TO SPEECH CONFINED TO MEDIA THUS FAR. MOST REACTION MODERATE AND LOW-KEY, BUT LEFTIST CORREO (BURNED OUT IN FEBRUARY 5 RIOTS BUT BACK IN BUSINESS AT TEMPORARY LOCATION) HEADLINED SUNDAY THAT "KISSINGER THREATENS US". SUBTITLE, "INCREDIBLE, HE CALLS US OPPRESSORS". ARTICLE CONCENTRATES ON PART OF SPEECH DEALING WITH CONFRONTATION TACTICS OF CERTAIN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. CORREO SAID THAT L.A. COULD NOT ACCEPT THE "COOPERATION" KISSINGER TALKED ABOUT BECAUSE IT SIGNIFIES "DEPENDENCE AND DOMINATION (BY U.S.)". ON FRONT PAGE CORREO DOWNPLAYED SECTION OF SPEECH ON CUBA NOTING THAT "KISSINGER ALSO TOUCHED ON THE CUBAN CASE".

2. INSIDE CORREO ARTICLE SAID THAT KISSINGER COMBINED USE OF BIG STICK AND DIPLOMACY. HE USED BIG STICK WHEN CRITICIZING NON-ALIGNED L.A. COUNTRIES AND THOSE PARTICIPATING IN RAW MATERIAL CARTELS. ALTHOUGH NOT MENTIONING THEM, WROTE CORREO, KISSINGER REFERRED TO PERU, VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR. ON CUBA, KISSINGER USED DIPLOMACY BUT HERE "KISSINGER ADMITTED THE OBVIOUS. IT IS A FACT THAT CUBAN BLOCKADE HAS BEEN BROKEN".

3. USUALLY STUDENT GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AGENCY PAPER LA COONICA CARRIED MARCH 1 AFP ARTICLE ON SPEECH AND USED BALANCED HEAD-
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LINES TO INTORDUCE IT. " KISSINGER ACTS TO REOPEN DIALOUGUE WITH

LATIN AMERICA", " RECOGNIZES PANAMANIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER CANAL",
"RELATIONS (U.S.) WITH CUBA IF OAS LIFTS BOOCADE", AND
"PRAISED PERUVIAN SOLDIERS OF PEACE (UNEF)".

4. CORREO CONTINUED CRITICIZE KISSINGER SPEECH IN MONDAY EDITIONS.
A "TIMID OPENING TOWARD CUBA" AND "ADMISSION" THAT "PANAMA SHOULD
EXERCISE CONTROL IN CANAL ZONE BUT WITH NORTH AMERICAN PRESENCE
AS A CONDITION". ARTICLE SAID THAT STATE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO
SOLVE PANAMA AND CUBAN PROBLEMS IN ORDER PREPARE WAY FOR "ACTION
OF MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES IN LATIN AMERICA". "IN THE U.S. IT
IS BELIEVED THAT CUBA WILL BECOME IMPORTANT MARKET FOR MULTI-
NATIONALS". CORREO WRITES THAT THIS SIMPLISITC NOTION CLASHES
WITH REALITY. "WHAT MOST PREOCCUPIES THE U.S.", ACCORDING TO
CORREO, IS "THIRD WORLD MILITANCY OF SOME COUNTRIES ON THE
SUBCONTINENT...THE U.S. DOES NOT WANT DEVELOPING NATIONS TO
UNITE POLITICALLY OR ECONOMICALLY. KISSINGER WANTS TO APPLY
A SEPARATE POLICY TO EACH NOTION AND HE RISISTS A DAALOGUE
AMONG EQUALS. ITS THE BIG STICK AGAIN. UNITED FRUIT NO
LONGER EXISTS. TODAY IT IS THE MULTINATUONAL. THIS IS
KISSINGER'S MESSAGE BEFORE COMING TO LATIN AMERICA".

5. MONDAY CORREO CARRIED WHAT PURPORTS TO BE "MAN-IN-STREET"
REACTION TO KISSINGER SPEECH AND POINTS OUT THAT EMPLOYEES,
WORKERS AND HOUSEWIVES ALL CONDEMN THIS LATEST THREAT FROM
THE UNITED STATES. CORREO NOTED THAT KISSINGER PLANS TO VISIT
LATIN AMERICA NEXT MONTH. "SOME (OF THOSE INTERVIEWED) SAID
THAT KISSINGER SHOULD COME TO OBSERVE PERUVIAN REALITY, OTHERS
PROCLAIMED THAT HE SHOULD NOT COME BECAUSE WITH HIS THREATS HE
IS UNPOPULAR."

6. CORREO VITRIOL NEED NOT BE OVEREMPHASIZED. OTHER, PRESUMABLY
MORE INFLUENTIAL NEWSPAPERS TREATED SPEECH ROUTINELY, PUBLISHING
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